

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 10 public bills, H.R. 4326–4335; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 308–309, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 379, a private bill, for the relief of Larry Errol Pieterse (H. Rept. 105–644);

H.R. 2744, a private bill, for the relief of Chong Ho Kwak (H. Rept. 105–645);

S. 1304, a private bill, for the relief of Belinda McGregor (H. Rept. 105–646);

Conference report on H.R. 4059, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999 (H. Rept. 105–647);

H.R. 4328, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999 (H. Rept. 106–648); and

H.R. 3254, to amend the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act to clarify the requirements relating to reducing or withholding payments to States under that Act, amended (H. Rept. 105–649).

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Patient Protection Act: The House passed H.R. 4250, to provide new patient protections under group health plans by a ye and nay vote of 216 yeas to 210 nays, Roll No. 339.

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Rejected the Berry motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Education and the Workforce with instructions to report it back to the House with an amendment dealing with medical necessity by ye and nay vote of 205 yeas to 221 nays, Roll No. 338.

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Earlier, a point of order was sustained against the Berry motion to recommit the bill to the Committees on Ways and Means and Education and the Workforce with instructions to report it back to the House with sundry amendments. Agreed to table the motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair by a recorded vote of 222 yeas to 204 noes, Roll No. 337.

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Rejected the Dingell amendment in the nature of a substitute that sought to establish standards to protect access to care and contain the text of H.R. 3605, Patients' Bill of Rights Act by ye and nay vote of 212 yeas to 217 nays, Roll No. 336.

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H. Res. 509, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a ye and nay vote of 279 yeas to 143 nays, Roll No. 335.

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Late Reports: Conferees received permission to have until midnight on July 24 to file a conference report on H.R. 4059, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999. Also, the Committee on Appropriations received permission to have until midnight on July 24 to file a report on H.R. 4328, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999.

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Bipartisan Commission on the Future of Medicare: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Mrs. Colleen Conway-Welch of Tennessee to the National Bipartisan Commission on the Future of Medicare.

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Legislative Program: Representative Thomas announced the Legislative Program for the week of July 27.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, July 27.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with Calendar Wednesday business of July 29.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate appears on page H6297.

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H6454–55.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four ye and nay votes, and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H6306, H6412, H6414–15, H6416, and H6416–17. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

Committee Meetings

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the District of Columbia approved for full Committee action the District of Columbia appropriations for fiscal year 1999.